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The Honorable Board of Supervisors
County of Los Angeles
383 Kenneth Hahn Hall of Administration
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Los Angeles, California 90012

Dear Supervisors:

**APPROVE ORDINANCE ADOPTING PARKING RESTRICTIONS
AT COUNTY PUBLIC LIBRARY FACILITIES
(ALL SUPERVISORIAL DISTRICTS) (3 VOTES)**

SUBJECT

The Public Library is recommending that the Board of Supervisors approve an ordinance that will establish parking restrictions at County Public Library facilities.

IT IS RECOMMENDED THAT YOUR BOARD:

1. Find that the proposed ordinance is categorically exempt under the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) pursuant to the State CEQA Guidelines, Section 15301 (a) and (c) and Class 1, Subsection (x) of the County of Los Angeles Revised Environmental Document Reporting Procedures and Guidelines, adopted by your Board on November 17, 1987.
2. Introduce, waive reading, and place the ordinance on the subsequent agenda for adoption.
3. Approve the ordinance amending Title 15 – Vehicles and Traffic of the Los Angeles County Code, adopting restrictions to parking at County Public Library facilities and authorizing removal of vehicles by the sheriff and local police departments.

PURPOSE/JUSTIFICATION OF RECOMMENDED ACTION

Adequate and safe off-street library parking are essential to the Public Library's operation. Parking at library facilities has been a growing concern for customers, staff, and several cities served by the County Public Library.

Approval of this ordinance will address the issues of overnight parking and camping, loitering, abandoned vehicles, dumping of household furniture and appliances, using library parking lots as an unauthorized park-and-ride lot, and dumping of gray water from recreational vehicles.

The Public Library will contact the appropriate law enforcement agency for the enforcement of this ordinance as needed.

Implementation of Strategic Plan Goals

Approval of the recommended actions is consistent with the County's Strategic Plan Goals in the areas of Operational Effectiveness (1) and Community and Municipal Services (3) since it will improve the Public Library's parking operation and the quality of service to the public.

FISCAL IMPACT/FINANCING

Sufficient funds are included in the Public Library's Fiscal Year 2009-10 Operating Budget to begin the installation of signs necessary for the enforcement of the ordinance. Contingent upon funding availability in the Public Library's facility maintenance budget, signs will be installed at County Public Library facilities on an as-needed basis.

FACTS AND PROVISIONS/LEGAL REQUIREMENTS

Vehicle Code section 21113, allows your Board to adopt parking regulations and set restrictions for parking at County facilities. The attached ordinance amends Title 15 - Vehicles and Traffic of the Los Angeles County Code, adopting restrictions to parking at County Public Library facilities and authorizing removal of vehicles parked at County facilities by the sheriff and local police departments.

The analysis of this ordinance approved by County Counsel is enclosed.

ENVIRONMENTAL DOCUMENTATION

The proposed ordinance is categorically exempt under the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) pursuant to the State CEQA Guidelines, Section 15301 (a) and (c) and Class 1, Subsection (x) of the County of Los Angeles Revised Environmental Document Reporting Procedures and Guidelines, adopted by your Board on November 17, 1987.

IMPACT ON CURRENT SERVICES (OR PROJECTS)

Adoption of this ordinance will ensure that parking spaces at community libraries are available for

customers' and staff use. In addition, the elimination of loitering and overnight parking and camping will reduce related security problems.

CONCLUSION

Please return to the Public Library and the Office of County Counsel a fully conformed copy of the ordinance with original signatures.

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, reading "Margaret Donnellan Todd". The ink is dark and the signature is fluid.

MARGARET DONNELLAN TODD
County Librarian

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Enclosures

c: Chief Executive Officer
County Counsel
Executive Officer, Board of Supervisors

ANALYSIS

This ordinance amends Title 15 – Vehicles and Traffic of the Los Angeles County Code, adding parking restrictions at County Public Library facilities and authorizing removal of vehicles by the sheriff and local police departments.

ANDREA SHERIDAN ORDIN
County Counsel

By

BRANDON T. NICHOLS
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Social Services Division

BTN:dt
01/27/10(requested)
01/27/10 (revised)

ORDINANCE NO. _____

An ordinance amending Title 15 - Vehicles and Traffic of the Los Angeles County Code, relating to parking at County Public Library facilities and removal of vehicles.

The Board of Supervisors of the County of Los Angeles ordains as follows:

SECTION 1. Section 15.64.520 is hereby amended to read as follows:

15.64.520 Removal ~~by sheriff~~ of vehicles.

The sheriff or police department of any city ~~shall~~ may remove from the highway to a garage, or other place of safety, any vehicle which has been parked at a location at which there is a sign erected pursuant to Section 15.64.510 if such vehicle is parked in violation of any provision of this chapter.

SECTION 2. Section 15.64.447 is hereby added:

15.64.447 Public Library Facilities- Parking restrictions

A. No person shall drive, stop, park, or leave standing any vehicle, whether attended or unattended, upon the parking facilities of the County Public Library except with the permission of the Board and upon and subject to posted regulations and restrictions imposed by the Board pursuant to this section.

B. The following restrictions apply to all facilities subject to this section:

1. Parking is only permitted in designated spots.
2. Parking is only permitted for Library customers or staff.
3. No unauthorized parking in a reserved area.

4. No parking in aisles or hash-marked areas.
5. No parking in driveways.
6. No loitering on the parking lot.
7. No overnight parking (between the hours of 10 p.m. to 6. a.m.) or camping.
8. No parking of any vehicle which takes up two or more parking stalls or inhibits the use of adjacent parking space.
9. No dumping of gray water or other materials of any kind from any vehicle/RV unit.
10. No parking vehicles over 20 feet long.

C. No parking is allowed at the Public Library facility located at 7400 East Imperial Highway, or at other library locations when so designated by the County Librarian, without a permit visible on or through the vehicle windshield.

D. The County Librarian is authorized to issue, on behalf of the Board, additional parking regulations and restrictions relating to the use of any or all Public Library facilities and to post at such parking facilities appropriate signs giving notice of all applicable regulations and restrictions.

E. A written statement of any regulations and restrictions imposed under this section shall be available for inspection at the office of the Executive Officer, Board of Supervisors.

F. Any person violating or failing to comply with this section shall be deemed guilty of an infraction and upon conviction thereof shall be punished pursuant to California Vehicle Code Section 42001(a) and any amendments thereof.

G. Persons employed by the County as contract security guards and any designated County employee or California peace officer are authorized to issue notices of violation of regulations and restrictions imposed pursuant to this section.

H. Public Library Facilities are designated "Tow Away Zones" for purposes of Part 4 of this chapter.

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